

Veterans' and Military Affairs Advisory Board

New Mexico Veterans' Memorial June 21, 2017

Minutes

Those Present:

Roger Newall, Archie Garcia, Pat Gaston, and Jonathan Pena SECRETARY: Beth Hemmerich

Those Excused:

Steve Overman, Brian Leen, Jonathan Strawn, Mike Scramski, Chris Timm, Martin Ethridgehill, and Ray Barrera

- I. Meeting Called to Order by Chairman Roger Newall at 9:30 am
- II. Review and Accept of Minutes from May 17, 2017
 - There were two corrections to the May minutes. The Call to Order time stated 9:18am and the previous months minutes were listed as March, not May. Roger will make these corrections.
 - The motion to accept the May minutes was approved.
- III. Public Comments
 - No public comments were made.
- IV. Old Business
 - Albuquerque Employee Coins still giving out the remaining coins. There remain approximately 100 coins.
 - Hiring Preference remaining at 10-12%. No changes.
 - Membership There is one position on the board still open. The group is allowed 12 members and there are currently 11.
 - Projects Roger updated the group on the Senior Center walls displays that they have started round two, to
 update and add new veterans who missed the first time. The next few weeks are set for the first two Senior
 Centers to start round two. June 29 is scheduled for the Barrelas Senior Center and July 6 is schedules for the
 Highland Senior Center.
 - Legislation No updates. There was a brief mention that during the next session the bill to get Veterans plates waived will be reintroduced.
 - Update Future Events
 - o B2B event is July 20 at the NMVM (10:00-2:00). Applications are being accepted to be a vendor at this event.
 - August 5th the Purple Heart truck will be at the NMVM in the morning.
- V. <u>New Business</u>
 - Pat Gaston let the group know that there are some upcoming equine therapy sessions for female veterans. She has those dates if anyone is interested.
- VI. <u>Setting of Future Meetings</u> July 19, 2017 at 9:15 am we will meet at the NMVM.
- VII. <u>Adjourn</u> 10:06am.